

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on February 21st, AD 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Paul J. Golembeske. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the February 7, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

The Council President expressed his gratitude for the fine service provided by town employees during the Blizzard of 2013; specifically the Fire and Police Departments, Maintenance personnel and Public Works Department.

At 7:03 PM the Town Council President called to order a Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining the views of citizens on community development and housing needs and on program performance of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Advertisement of this public hearing was run in the February 14, 2013 edition of the Sakonnet Times. The Town is

considering the filing of an application for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.

Christian Belden of Church Community Housing gave an overview of the CDBG program. He also noted that Church Community Housing will be submitting a proposal for the Town to consider including within its application for funding to assist in the procurement of real estate to construct a house to be used for low to moderate income housing.

Susan Schenck of East Bay Community Action Program stated that they would be asking the Town to consider a \$5,000 funding amount to assist with operational costs at its health and dental program facilities, both in Newport, RI. These facilities serve the community for all, insured and non-insured individuals.

Gerry Manning of St. Elizabeth's, Cornerstone Services who operate the Adult Daycare facility at the LC Wellness Center on East Main Road addressed the Council. She noted that they would be asking the Town to consider a \$5,000 funding amount to help offset the daycare fees low and moderate income individuals. Presently approximately 14 individuals are served daily at the center with a goal of serving up to 25 individuals daily. She was asked if she had knowledge of a lack of transportation as having an influence on utilizing the daycare service. Mr. Mushen noted that the LC Wellness Center has recently conducted a survey on the subject.

Receiving no further public comment Councilor Mushen noted that the Town was considering submitting a proposal for the purchase of a van for transportation of seniors and/or low & moderate income individuals for services. This purchase is proposed to have multiple funding sources, Town funds, CDBG funds and LC Wellness Center funds.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): Receiving no further public comments this public hearing is hereby closed.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head Reports for November and December 2012, and January 2013.

Councilor Mataronas inquired as to whether the number of false alarms reported within the 2012 Incident Report were repetitive alarms and if so, where they being billed per town code. Councilor Mushen will determine the status of this inquiry and report to Councilor Mataronas. Notation was also made that the data included within the summary report is utilized during budget considerations regarding staffing within the department.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a 2012 Incident Summary Report for the Fire Department.

The Council President distributed a spreadsheet of anticipated budget suggestions for the Council to review. He asked his fellow Councilors to review the spreadsheet with the intent of approving for submission to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the warrant at a meeting to be set for early next week.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To schedule a special meeting of the Town Council to be held Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 4 PM for the purpose of reviewing and considering a set of budget proposals to be submitted to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the warrant for the May 21, 2013 Financial Town meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To write a letter of strong opposition to House Bill No. 5192 if said bill has not been withdrawn from consideration by the RI House of Representatives.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the disbursement of a total of \$695,208.93 from the Bond Anticipation Note proceeds concerning the Wilbur McMahon School Renovation Project to the following:

- \$675,719.15 payable to the LC School Dept. as reimbursement of construction costs expended from school reserves**
- \$7,549.78 payable to Durkee Brown Viveiros Werenfels for architectural services**
- \$5,940.00 payable to ICM Corporation for Project Management Services through January 31, 2013**
- \$6,000.00 payable to ICM Corporation for Clerk of the Works services for the month of January 2013**

Review of lessons learned during the Blizzard of 2013:

- 1. Review telephone service provider (Cox was lost when power was lost)**
- 2. Make provision for refueling cell tower emergency generator**
- 3. Prepare RFP for heating and vehicle fuel provider**
- 4. Evaluate emergency generator service provider – consider new RFP**
- 5. Procure backup generator for Dispatch**
- 6. Prepare for “warming center” at the Town Hall**
- 7. Determine actual usage of Tiverton shelter by LC residents**
- 8. Develop recall plan for personnel other than Public Safety**

- 9. Contact Interlocal Trust re PSC emergency generator failure**
- 10. Consider procuring backup (portable?) emergency generator**
- 11. Determine the fuel usage rates of generators vs. storage tank capacity**

Comments from the public:

- Many citizens were disturbed with the lack of presence for Nationalgrid in town immediately after the event. It seemed to be 3 – 4 days before they even entered town.**
- Verizon landlines and wireless both had problems during and after the storm. It was not limited to Cox Communications.**
- Large population of elderly in town. A resident suggested we catalog the senior population to contact them during or before these events.**
- The Town did provide an avenue for Special Needs Individuals (elderly, handicapped, medically dependent, etc.) to register with RI Dept. of Health through a special needs registry for Little Compton residents. This list is presently used to contact individuals during events like these and has over 100 registered.**

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to sign an agreement to allow Energy Conservation, Inc. to provide for electrical energy saving lighting improvements at the LC Public Safety Complex, 60 Simmons Road as per a proposal dated February 11,

2013 with a total net cost to the Town of \$13,808 financed, at 0%, over a two-year period by Nationalgrid, resulting in a monthly payment of \$575.33 per month.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mushen) Councilor Mataronas abstained: To place on file a request previously received from East Coast Construction to use town property for a temporary jobsite office related to the Sakonnet Point Drainage Improvements Project. Said request has been withdrawn as other arrangements have been made.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize Richard G. Petrin, Fire Chief, Town of Little Compton, RI to enter into an agreement with the State of Rhode Island, Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Forest Environment, for the purpose of acquiring excess federal property under the Dept. of Defense Fire Fighter Program (FFP) and to provide such additional information needed and required to execute such an agreement, contingent upon the Chief approving with the town council the usefulness of any potential acquisition prior to executing commitment for the town.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a copy of a resolution adopted by the South Kingstown School Committee concerning an allocation for technology allowance allocated for South Kingstown.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file copies of resolutions opposing mandatory continuation of an existing teacher collective bargaining agreement adopted by the following School Committees: East Greenwich, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Smithfield.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to write to our representatives in the General Assembly to request they oppose and reject any and all binding arbitration legislation currently being considered for teacher and other school employee contracts.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file copies of resolutions urging the General Assembly to move the teacher layoff notice deadline from March 1 to June 1 adopted by the following School Committees: East Greenwich, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Smithfield.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to Carey Finnerty and Peter Rochford to use the Town Landing on August 24, 2013 for their wedding ceremony, contingent upon filing the Town's Indemnification Form.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the United Congregational Church to use the Town Landing on March 31, 2013 for its annual Easter Sunrise Service.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize Councilor Mataronas to investigate an abatement list with the Board of Assessor's and to report back to the Council at the March 7, 2013 Town Council meeting for further consideration.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file consent calendar #1 a request from the RI Taxpayers (formerly the RI Statewide Coalition) for the Town to support the removal of straight party voting option for future elections as a resolution supporting this matter voted on February 7, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Treasurer to make a donation to the Little Compton Historical Society in the amount of \$100 in Memory of Carlton C. Brownell.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: \$44,354.22

Franlart Nurseries, Inc. - Tree Warden \$7,547.00

Nationalgrid - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$237.45

Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights \$57.47

Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$222.50

Nationalgrid - I.O.O.F. \$23.05

Nationalgrid - Meeting Hall \$19.97

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$27.22

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$26.51

Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$14.48

Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$66.25

Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$711.69

W.B. Mason - Clerk/Treasurer/Town Hall/ Assessor \$177.24

Fisher Bus Inc. - Senior Busing \$150.00

Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$5,448.19

Poland Springs - Town Hall \$15.01

Poland Springs - Maintenance Dept. \$7.55

Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall \$19.93

Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance Dept. \$24.86

Richard S. Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,570.00

Richard S. Humphrey - legal contingency \$565.50

Everlasting Designs - Computer \$50.00

Everlasting Designs - Computer \$362.00

Everlasting Designs - Computer month of February \$1,600.00

Vision - Revaluation \$2,379.87

Christopher Oliveira - Highway Dept. \$395.00

Valcourt Heating - Public Safety Complex \$375.00

Valcourt Heating - Maintenance Dept. \$125.00

Salva & Sons Safe & Security - Cell Tower \$23.38

Paycheck - Treasurer \$366.44

Goulart Petroleum - Diesel \$628.22

LG Communications - Meds Fund \$1,358.00

Petro - Gasoline \$2,427.00

Petro - Public Safety Complex \$2,407.92

Paychex - Fire Dept. \$25.49

Griggs & Brown Co., Inc. - Fire Dept. \$50.00

C.S& M, Tele-Systems, Inc. - Fire Dept. \$228.85

K.T.R. Maintenance - Fire Dept. \$41.10

D & D Overhead Garage Doors, LLC - Fire Dept. \$1,005.00

Firematic Supply Co., Inc. - Fire Dept. \$663.19

Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept. \$14.18

Shipman's Fire Equipment Company, Inc. - Fire Dept. \$150.95

Aquidneck Fasteners Inc. - Fire Dept. \$58.28

Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$174.11

Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$52.31 \$2,463.46

Cox Communications - Meeting Hall \$28.50

Allied Court Reporters, Inc. - Legal contingency \$122.25

Direct Energy - Town Dock \$20.52

Direct Energy - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$264.16

Direct Energy - Adamsville Street Lights \$55.58

Direct Energy - Town Hall \$246.82

Direct Energy - I.O.O.F. \$15.67

Direct Energy - Meeting Hall \$12.12

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$19.69

Direct Energy - Peckham Lot \$5.75

William L Moore - Highway - sanding plowing \$1,455.00

JR Tree & Land - Highway snow plowing \$2,311.50

Andrew Cavanagh - Highway snow plowing \$1,824.00

Andrew Cavanagh - Highway snow plowing \$320.00

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Public Safety Complex \$1,080.00

John J McNamee, CPA - audit services \$280.80

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$1,282.60

John Harris - Drug Forfeiture \$70.58 \$1,353.18

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$81.58

Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept. \$19.42

Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$420.00

Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00

Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$188.52

Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. \$165.00 \$1,045.52

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk